



April 2024

Cass City United Methodist Beacon

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United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith will be meeting Monday April 1st at 12 noon. This will be a sack lunch. All the ladies in church are Welcome.



Men's Group will having their last Friday Fish Dinner for this season on April 5th. The Dinner are \$ 12.00 Kids eat free. Dinner starts at 4 till 6pm.



Our Church Council will be meeting on April 1st at 6pm.



God Knows Everything but... Your church likes to support you, especially during possible turning points in your life. Since these often involve a stay in the hospital, please be sure to call, or have someone call the church (989) 225-2315 or the parsonage (989) 912-2187 to let us know about you.

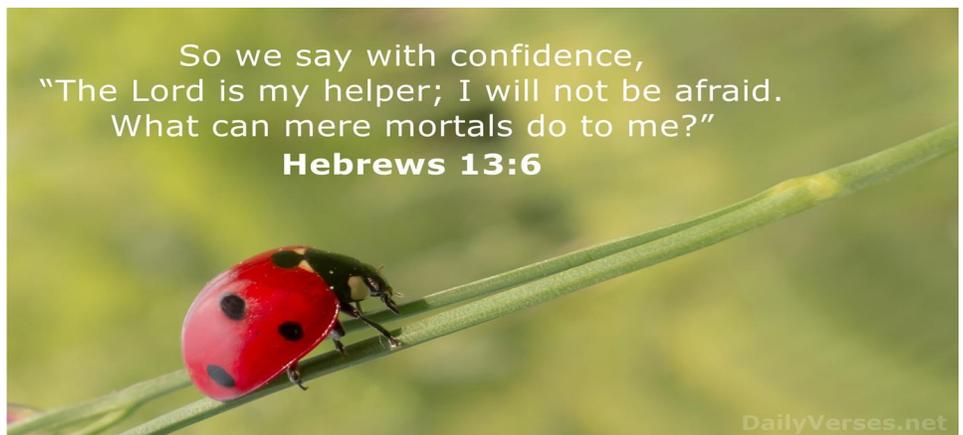
Please include the name of the hospital. We want to be supportive so please let us know. *Be sure to call whenever you want to talk with the pastor—whatever the reason.*



The Thumb Bell Ringers will be performing during worship on April 14th here at Cass City at 9:30 am. (see page 3).

So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6



Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we emerge from the reflective period of Lent and the celebration of Easter, we are reminded of the transformative power of renewal and rebirth that comes with the changing seasons. Just as nature bursts forth with new life during springtime, so too does our Church spiritual journey experience a revitalization.

After the solemnity of Lent and the joyous celebration of Easter, we find ourselves in a season of opportunity for spiritual growth and community engagement. With this in mind, we invite you to join us as we embark on a spiritual "spring cleaning," a time for reflection, renewal, and recommitment to our faith.

During this season, let us take stock of our lives and examine areas where we can make positive changes, whether it be in our relationships, habits, or attitudes. Just as we declutter our homes during spring cleaning, let us declutter our hearts and minds, making room for God's grace and guidance.

In addition to our individual spiritual journeys, we have exciting events planned for the spring season that we hope you will participate in:

- **Spring Cleaning Day:** Join us as we come together to spruce up our church grounds and facilities. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and service as we work together to maintain our sacred space.
- **After Easter Season Bible Study:** Dive deeper into the Easter story and its significance for our lives today through our special Bible study series. Together, we'll explore the themes of resurrection, redemption, and renewal.
- **Spring Concert:** Mark your calendars April 14th for our upcoming Handbell Choir featuring performances by members of our congregation. It promises to be an uplifting morning of music and fellowship.
- **Community Outreach:** As we embrace the spirit of renewal, let us also extend a hand of compassion to those in need in our community. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in our outreach efforts, whether it be through volunteering, donations, or acts of kindness.

As we embark on this journey of spiritual renewal and community engagement, let us remember the words of the apostle Paul: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV). May this season be a time of transformation and blessings for each and every one of us.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Cass City United Methodist Church

Thumb Ringers



On Sunday April 14th at 9:30am. The Thumb Hand bell ringers will be worshipping in our church and performing three familiar hymns arrangement on of which will include congregational singing and accompaniment with the piano.

The choir is directed by Cathy Wing and its members represent several churches in the thumb area.

There will be a free will offering basket available in the narthex to help with expenses to continue their ministry.



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Mission Moment

BISHOP'S LOVE OFFERING FOR APRIL'S MISSION

This month we will be collecting the noisy offering, to benefit three organizations that the Bishop has chosen. They are the Haitian Assets for Peace International, Bishop Judith Craig Children's Hospital Village in Liberia and Water for Life in Liberia. Each will receive 45% of the offering and 10% will be tithed for Water for Life.

These are all very worthwhile organizations that we have sponsored in the past. The donated money will be collected at the Annual Conference in May.

HAPI ensures families in Mizak to have access to dignified healthcare, training for tomorrow and fair-wage jobs today. Start Right gives babies a healthy beginning now and fighting to extend their lives. HAPI is tackling Haiti's biggest killers-hypertension and heart disease. They are not only treating but training local nurses and doctors on current technology to empower them to take over the healthcare in their hometown. Supporting HAPI helps Haiti to overcome the devastation from physical disasters and political strife.

The Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village was established in Liberia, in 2000. It was created to provide care for children left orphaned by civil war. The village provides basic education, health care and counseling for the children. Established as an orphanage, most of the children today spend their days at the village in classrooms; receive medical care and meals, but return to their own homes each evening.

The program assures that the children receive an education, care and meals. Water for Life project was started to address the water and sanitation needs of Liberia. About 75% of Liberians do not have access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. Most residence drink from unsafe sources of water and don't have access to toilet facilities. Water for Life helps construct wells, hand pumps and toilet facilities within the communities. Leadership training, supervising water access and educating communities on clean and safe drinking water and good sanitation is their goal.

We hope that you will join us in supporting these organizations in the Bishop's Love offering.

"Your love for one another will prove to the world you are my disciples." John 13:35

Fish Fry Dinner

Fish Fry Dinner

Cass City United Methodist Church



Adults \$12.00

Kids 12-Unders Free

Dinner Dates:

March 8, 12 and April 5

Time: 4pm-7pm

Dinners Includes:

All you can eat Fish

French Fries ,Cole Slaw, Bake Beans

Desserts Beverage

Dine In or Take out Call 989-225-2315

5100 Cemetery

Cass City MI 48726

Dorcas & Progressive

Dorcas meals are back

April 10th at 12pm

The meal will be

Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Carrots,
Applesauce and desserts.



If you would like to help Please call:

For Desserts: **Suzie Chappel 989-574-8304**

Doris Jones 989-912-0611

For Meal prep Tuesday/Wednesday :

Connie Schwaderer 989-872-2315

For Delivery : **Ardis Monroe 989-798-6764**

Progressive Class

The Progressive met at the Cow Palace restaurant located at the Cass City Livestock business. We met on Tuesday March 19th at 9:30 in the morning . We all enjoyed at wonderful reasonably priced breakfast.

Those attending included Rita and Don Green, Yvonne Greer, Connie Schwaderer, Eunice Kaufman, Keith & Jane Mitchell. Eunice Kaufman offered the blessing. We sent out 14 cards. Jane Mitchell presented the devotions. We all enjoyed warm fellowship with each other.

Some of the patrons listened to the devotional and were interested in our church. Our group decided to have our next meeting at the New Taco Bell in Cass City located at the East Main St. The date is April 18th, at 12pm.

Everyone is Welcome to attend.

United Women of Faith

UWF starts the 2024 season with a noon meeting at the church starting at 12 pm on Monday, April 1. This will be a welcome back meeting with further program planning to be completed for the rest of the year. A program booklet will be ready for distribution.

We are going to have a sack lunch. This is a trial to determine if we would prefer that or have others responsible for providing lunch. Please remember to bring your sack lunch.

The East Winds District UWF Prayer Breakfast and Spiritual Growth Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 am at Calvary UMC in Flint. The reservation deadline is due on April 22.

The guest speakers are Pastor Audra Hudson Stone and Jacob Stone. Their topic is Environmental Justice: A Call to Hope and Action. We need to know at our meeting if anyone would like to attend. The plan is to arrange carpooling with Caro UMC. Please let me know by April 17 in order submit the reservations in time for the deadline.

All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend our meetings. I'm looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

Melinda Kirn
UWF President



Local college students hope to raise money to buy shoes for residents at Cuyahoga Co. Detention Center

By: Remi Murrey

CLEVELAND — A group of students from John Carroll University need the community's help to raise money to provide reliable shoes for residents at Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center.

“We just want to show that like, you know, three guys in college can do this like really big thing for the community,” said Tim Jerme.

So far, the group has raised about \$1,400. They say their goal is \$5,000, so they're asking for the community's support before their deadline in mid-April.

Every Thursday and Friday night inside the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center's gym, John Carroll University students like Scott Esteb spend their time giving back to these young men through a casual game of basketball.

“I had a class called Prisons and Human Rights, and I felt inspired by that to kind of go on my own journey and see what I can do to kind of help out,” said Esteb, who is a co-founder for Carroll Baller Kicks.

As a college student, Esteb and the rest of these students, who go by Carroll Ballers, could spend their Friday night doing other things, but Esteb said he finds fulfillment in being right here.

“It's helped me grow as a person, it's helped me become more compassionate, more empathetic,” said Esteb.

Esteb said it's even more special he gets to add meaning to the lives of these young men with his friend Tim Jerme.

“I think that what we're doing really is kind of giving more a sense of equality to the individuals in the JDC,” said Jerme, who is also a co-founder for Carroll Baller Kicks.

Because Jerme and Esteb are seniors, they said their time with Carroll Ballers will soon end; so, they and Senior Jake Smith, who's also in Carroll Ballers, are on a mission to make a lasting impact once they graduate this spring.

“We decided to do Carroll Baller Kicks, and basically Carol Baller Kicks, in short, aims to just provide adequate athletic footwear for all the residents within the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center,” said Smith.

To donate, <https://advancement.jcu.edu/register/?id=dda71d26-cf28-2e1d-7be7-94df5b26c933>

Then, under “**I wish to support,**” select “**Other**” and simply type in **Carroll Ballers.**

Birthday & Anniversary



April 4 John Tilt
April 14 Courtney Hawkins
April 15 Tavis Osentoski
April 24 Mishelle
April 25 Ron Dimmitt
April 30 Ron Czekai



April 8 Don & Barb Ball
April 24 Dennis & Laura Hill

Calendar 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 UWF 12:00 Ad Board Council 6pm	2	3	4	5 Fish Fry 4-6pm	6
7 Worship 9:30am	8	9	10 Dorcas 12pm	11	12	13
14 Handbells Worship 9:30am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Noisy Bucket Worship 9:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:00	29	30				

Let my teaching fall like rain
 and my words descend like dew,
 like showers on new grass,
 like abundant rain on tender plants.

Deuteronomy 32:2

Sharing the Word of Christ

April Showers bring.....May flowers!



ATTENDANCE

Worship
Attendance &
Views
Online & Church
& Parking Lot

Jan 2024 9601
Feb 2024 8098
March 2024 10201

The above counts
come from our
five worship
platforms
Facebook,
YouTube,
LinkedIn, our
website
and Twitter.

154 of our
church families
receive our
letters and
updates by mail
or email.

R F H Y A C I N T H T N M D S P P
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Amaryllis	Azaleas	Bleeding Heart	Bluebells
Buttercups	Carnation	Crocus	Daffodils
Dahlias	Daisy	Daylilies	Forsythia
Geraniums	Hyacinth	Iris	Lavender
Lilacs	Magnolias	Pansies	Peonies
Poppy	Rose	Sunflowers	Tulips

In our thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts

Pastor Fred Bowden
Linda & Dailey Parrish
Linda & Roger Marshall
Lorraine Bowden
Dick & Judy Wallace,
Opal Schneeberger
Kathy & Phil Nichols
Harlin Tuckey
Janis Seeley
Ed & Judy Profit,
Bob Montgomery
Gerald Auten
Floy Arnold
Jack & Lois Gallagher
Morris Powell



Leslie Seeley
Rick Tait
Rick Dillon
Thomas Troise

Our Family Members at:

Northwood Meadow 6086 Beechwood, Cass City 48726

Jan Kritzman Evelyn Whitaker
Ellen Stoutenburg Barb Stickle Eleanor Truemner

Those Serving us spiritually :

Pastor Bob Demyanovich, our ministry here in Cass City and beyond, East Winds District Superintendent Rev. Margie Crawford, Bishop David A. Bard, and The United the Methodist Area Conference and all churches.

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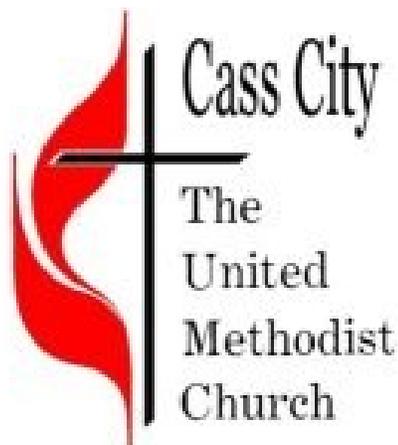
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